

**39-1406. Same; persons authorized access to relevant records; authority to take actions to assist residents.** Any person, department or agency authorized to carry out the duties enumerated in this act, including investigating law enforcement agencies and the long-term care ombudsman shall have access to all relevant records. The authority of the secretary for children and families, the secretary of health and environment, and the secretary for aging and disability services under this act shall include, but not be limited to, the right to initiate or otherwise take those actions necessary to assure the health, safety and welfare of any resident, subject to any specific requirement for individual consent of the resident.

**History:** L. 1980, ch. 124, § 6; L. 1990, ch. 153, § 6; L. 2003, ch. 91, § 7; L. 2003, ch. 149, § 29; L. 2014, ch. 115, § 161; July 1.